



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4389

An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

As cleared by the Congress on October 13, 2000

H.R. 4389 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain canals and water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. These facilities are a small part of the Colorado-Big Thompson project in Larimer County, Colorado. H.R. 4389 would require the district to pay \$150,315 and electricity customers of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to pay \$1,798,200 as a condition of the conveyance.

Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4389 would increase offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) by about \$2 million in fiscal year 2001. These savings would be offset by the loss of about \$4 million in offsetting receipts over the 2001-2012 period.

Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO expects that, after conveying these facilities, the federal government would forgo a payment of \$170,555 from the water district in fiscal year 2002, a payment of \$764,463 from the electricity customers in fiscal year 2011, and another payment of \$3.0 million from electricity customers in fiscal year 2012.

If the project is sold in 2001, the federal government could not enter into a contract to sell excess water capacity from the project to the Pleasant Valley Pipeline. CBO estimates that the federal government would receive \$197,261 in fiscal year 2001 from such a contract in the absence of this legislation.

The estimate of H.R. 4389's pay-as-you-go impact is summarized in the following table. (The estimated changes in direct spending would be less than \$500,000 a year for 2002 through 2010.)

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Changes in outlays	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in receipts	Not applicable									

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